Understanding the Remittance Advice:
A Guide for Medicare Providers, Physicians, Suppliers, and Billers

The Medicare Learning Network® (MLN) is currently updating and revising our Remittance Advice educational resources.

The MLN is now offers Web-Based Training (WBT) to educate professional providers and suppliers, as well as their billing, staff with general RA information. This provides learners:

- Instructions to help you interpret the RA received from Medicare and reconcile it against submitted claims;
- Guidance on how to read Electronic Remittance Advices (ERAs) and Standard Paper Remittance Advices (SPRs), and
- Information on balancing an RA and software that Medicare provides free to providers for viewing ERAs.

In the coming weeks, the MLN will also be providing a comparable training geared specifically for institutional providers.

All MLN products and trainings are offered free of charge. To enroll in this or any other MLN training, go to http://www.cms.gov/MLNProducts on the MLN website and select "Web-Based Training Modules" under the section entitled "Related Links Inside CMS."

We welcome your feedback on this or any other MLN product. Please send related comments or questions to MLN@cms.hhs.gov .

WEB PAGE REFERENCES

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Resource	Web site
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services	http://www.cms.gov

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(CMS) Home Page	
CMS Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) Transactions & Code Sets Standards	http://www.cms.gov/TransactionCodeSetsStands
CMS Medicare Claims Processing Manual	http://www.cms.gov/Manuals/IOM/list.asp
CMS Medicare Contracting Reform (MCR)	http://www.cms.gov/MedicareContractingReform
CMS Medicare Coordination of Benefits (COB) General Information	http://www.cms.gov/COBGeneralInformation
CMS Medicare Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Center	http://www.cms.gov/center/dme.asp
CMS Medicare Electronic Billing & EDI Transactions	http://www.cms.gov/ElectronicBillingEDITrans
CMS Medicare Fee-for-Service Provider Resource Center	http://www.cms.gov/center/provider.asp
CMS Medicare HCPCS General Information & Code Sets	http://www.cms.gov/MedHCPCSGenInfo http://www.cms.gov/HCPCSReleaseCodeSets
CMS Medicare Learning Network	http://www.cms.gov/MLNGenInfo
CMS Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Look-up	http://www.cms.gov/apps/pfslookup
CMS Medicare Remit Easy Print Software	http://www.cms.gov/AccesstoDataApplication/02_MedicareRemitEasyPrint.asp
CMS National Provider Identifier	http://www.cms.gov/NationalProvIdentStand

Resource	Web site
(NPI) Standard	
CMS Paper Forms & Billing Instructions	http://www.cms.gov/CMSForms http://www.cms.gov/ElectronicBillingEDITrans/15_1450.asp http://www.cms.gov/ElectronicBillingEDITrans/16_1500.asp
CMS Physician Fee Schedule	http://www.cms.gov/PhysicianFeeSched
CMS Place of Service Codes	http://www.cms.gov/PlaceofServiceCodes
Accredited Standards Committee (ASC) X12 Implementation Guide Interpretation Website	http://www.x12.org
Washington Publishing Company Code Lists	http://www.wpc-edi.com/codes
Washington Publishing Company HIPAA Implementation Guides	http://www.wpc-edi.com/HIPAA